



Photo trip report from the initiation meeting of the Sinana Woreda Innovation Platform (Oromia)

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- The Africa RISING project in the Ethiopian highlands is supporting the establishment of local innovation platforms in each of its sites.
- This visit aimed to brief agricultural research, development and other stakeholders working at Africa RISING sites about the program's activities, and initiate the establishment of Innovation Platforms (IPs) with key partners.
- By the end of the visits we established 4 strategic (woreda) and 8 operational (kebele) IPs and formed technical committees at woreda and kebele levels.



Addisu Asfaw, Africa RISING site coordinator presenting the participatory community analysis in Sinana woreda (Salka and Ilu-Sanbitu kebeles)



Ketema Meskela, president of Meda Welabu University sharing his expectations from the meeting



Summary of Africa RISING activities to date including studies undertaken and main findings and possible interventions



International Development (USAID) as part of the U.S.
government's Feed the Future initiative.

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AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION
PLATFORM
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Zelalem Lema introducing the purpose, role, membership and technical committees of the innovation platforms



Ahmed from Mada Walabu University presenting
Farmer trials and demonstrations – 2013 (Potatoes, Wheat and Faba Bean)



Stakeholders discussed the purpose, role, membership and technical committees of the innovation platforms



Aberra Adie briefing people on partnerships, value chains and gender perspectives



Rationale for M&E of IPs

- A monitoring system is a collection of methods and tools
- Integrating M&E approaches to IPs is a critical component of IP establishment
- It is essential to monitor and evaluate the role that these platforms play in:
 - enhancing coordination and information sharing
 - facilitate the delivery of outputs and outcomes
- It is therefore necessary to monitor and evaluate the growth of an information platform framework and its outcomes

Elias Damtew discussing monitoring and evaluation framework



Stakeholders



Greeting one of the farmers in Elu Sanbitu kebele



Ahmed chairing the process of establishment of the technical committee



Elders in productive discussion



Members of the technical committee of Sinana Woreda
(from left to right) Bekele Diriba, Shure Soboka, Ahmed Aliyi, Addisu Asfaw,
Tesfaye Bekele, Debele Habebe, Abdulnasir Yunus, Wrokaligh Adugna



Representatives of cooperatives, kebele administration, women and youth representatives, development agents, health extension workers, elders, and farmers



Red fox in the Bale Mountains



Africa RISING innovation platform establishing team



Project partners Ethiopia





Local partners Ethiopia

- **Academic institutions:**
Wachemo, Mekelle, Madawolabu, Debre Berhan and Hawassa universities;
Maichew Agricultural College
- **Regional research organizations:**
Amhara Regional Agricultural Research Institute, Southern Agricultural Research Institute, Tigray Agricultural Research Institute, Oromia Agricultural Research Institute
- **Federal research organizations:**
Ethiopian Institute for Agricultural Research, Ethiopian Health and Nutrition Research Institute
- **Offices of Agriculture:**
Endamekoni (Tigray), Basona Worena (Amhara), Lemo (SNNRP) and Sinana (Oromia)
- **Agricultural Transformation Agency**



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Our appreciation goes to team members, local partner organizations and the community of Salka and Ilu-Sanbitu kebeles



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